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FOR MG CRITTENBERGER AND VDP FROM LTC ANDERSON, DLO

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SUBJECT: MOD KEY PERSONNEL

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1. (C) KEY PERSONNEL IN THE KENYA MINISTRY OF DEFENSE ARE AS FOLLOWS: THE HONORABLE MINISTER FOR DEFENSE, JAMES S. GICHURU, M.P.; THE HONORABLE ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR DEFENSE, JAMES NJERU, M.P.; PERMANENT SECRETARY, MR. JEREMIAH G. KIEREINI; UNDER SECRETARY, MR. PHILIP GITONGA; ASSISTANT SECRETARY, MRS. R.A. ARUNGAH. THESE ARE LISTED IN RANK ORDER EXCEPT THAT MR. KIEREINI, THE PERMSEC, ACTUALLY SUPERVISES THE OPERATION OF THE MINISTRY (SEE REFTEL) AND RECEIVES INSTRUCTIONS DIRECTLY FROM PRESIDENT KENYATTA. DEFMIN GICHURU IS RARELY IN HIS OFFICE, DRINKS HEAVILY, AND IS NOT ALWAYS INVOLVED IN THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS. DUE TO HIS CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH PRESIDENT KENYATTA OVER THE YEARS, GICHURU WILL PROBABLY REMAIN IN THIS OR ANOTHER
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COMFORTABLE POSITION AS LONG AS HE LIVES AND KENYATTA

REMAINS IN POWER. THE ASSISTANT MINISTER OF DEFENSE, MR. NJERU, PERFORMS NO SUBSTANTIVE FUNCTIONS. THIS IS MERELY AN HONORIFIC TITLE GIVEN HIM AS MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT.

2. (C) BRIGADIER PETER KAKENYI IS CHIEF OF STAFF, MOD. THE POSITION TITLE "CHIEF OF DEFENSE STAFF" IS NO LONGER USED. KAKENYI IS A MEMBER OF THE KAMBA TRIBE AS IS THE ARMY COMMANDER, MG JACKSON K. MULINGE. THE ARMY'S DEPUTY COMMANDER, BRIGADIER LUCUS MATU, IS A KIKUYU AS IS THE AIR FORCE COMMANDER, COL. DEDAN GICHURU (NO RELATION TO DEFMIN JAMES S. GICHURU). THE NAVY COMMANDER, LT. COL. JAMES KIMARO, IS A MEMBER OF THE TAITA TRIBE FROM COAST PROVINCE.
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